



## **CONNECTING CHILDREN AND NATURE IN IDAHO: BUILDING STATEWIDE PUBLIC AWARENESS**

Children are spending less time outdoors today.

This has profound effects on their mental, physical and emotional health, as well as the health of our lands.

Knowing about this problem is not enough. We care about our children and their future.

We need your help to build statewide public awareness!

Join the **Idaho Children and Nature Network** to empower our communities to  
*"Connect children with nature in Idaho, from backyards to mountaintops."*

### **Community Session #2**

**October 17, 2008**

**9:00 am to Noon**

### **OPENING REMARKS BY BARBARA MORGAN**

**Idaho Department of Fish and Game - Trophy Room - Boise**

**Park in MK Nature Center Lot - Enter Walnut St Bldg (not Licenses Bldg)**

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Community Session #2 is a follow-up to the March 2008 Community Session where over 80 participants from natural resource agencies, education, non-profit organizations, faith-based groups, health care, industry and business, elected officials, the arts and private citizens, worked together to address this problem. Please join us again!

### **PLANNING SESSION TOPICS**

Private-Public Partnerships: Leveraging Collective Resources to Accomplish Goals

Statewide Community "Kick-Off" Events: Fun, Affordable and Accessible

Developing a Primary Public Awareness Tool: The Idaho "Be Outside" Journal

Healthy Lives Outside: Partnering with Health Care Professionals

"Be Outside" Communities: Encouraging Network Activity Statewide

*The Network will leverage collective resources to increase community awareness; provide access to information; increase participation in outdoor activities and foster respect and appreciation for Idaho's outdoor heritage; improve integration of environmental education; create private-public partnerships; and work to improve the physical, mental and emotional health of Idaho's children.*

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